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Applicant : Shuici Kikuchi et al.
Serial No. : 09/829,876
Filed : April 10, 2001
Title : SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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Examiner : Douglas W Owens
Confirmation No.: 7681
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 6, 2005, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b, transmittal of 9 sheets of formal drawings, and a check for \$1730 for the required issue fee and publication fee, including patent copies.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), including form 1449, on November 17, 2005. A copy of the IDS and the form 1449 form obtained from the PTO's Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system is enclosed and indicates that the PTO received copies of those documents on November 17, 2005.

Applicant requests that the PTO provide the applicant with a copy of the initialed form 1449 to indicate the Examiner's consideration of the listed reference(s).

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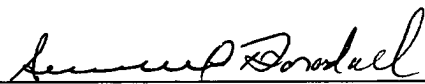
COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's allowance of the claims is appreciated. The Applicant submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance cited in the Notice of Allowability. It is the subject matter of each claim as a whole that is patentable, not any particular feature recited in the claim(s). The Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement.

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed October 6, 2005, please substitute the enclosed 9 sheets of formal drawings for the corresponding drawings presently in the application.

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